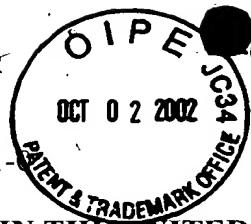


0083-1131-



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#1186

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

HIDEKI HIRATA

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1774

SERIAL NO.: 09/531,449

: "RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116—  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 1774"

FILED: MARCH 20, 2000

: EXAMINER: FERGUSON, L.

FOR: OPTICAL INFORMATION MEDIUM  
AND ITS FABRICATION PROCESS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Box AF  
RECEIVED  
OCT 07 2002  
TC 1700

SIR:

Responsive to the final rejection of June 6, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 7 as in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

7. (Amended) An optical information medium, comprising a supporting substrate, an information-recording surface provided on the supporting substrate and a light-transmitting layer provided on the information-recording surface, wherein:

*B7*  
the light-transmitting layer comprises a light-transmitting sheet formed of a resin and an adhesive layer containing pressure-sensitive adhesive for bonding the light-transmitting layer to an associated side of the information-recording surface; and

the light-transmitting sheet is formed of one resin selected from the group consisting of polycarbonate, polyarylate and cyclic polyolefin.